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| Appl. No. :  | 10/644,608   | Confirmation No. :   | 5994      |
| Applicants : | Robert B. Koenig and William Wekell                            |                      |           |
| Filed :      | August 19, 2003  | Attorney Docket No.: | 501260.01 |
| Art Unit :   | 2833   | Customer No. :       | 27,076    |
| Examiner :   | Gary F. Paumen   |                      |           |
| Title :      | LATCHING MEDICAL PATIENT PARAMETER SAFETY CONNECTOR AND METHOD |                      |           |

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97 through 1.98, applicants wish to make known to the Patent and Trademark Office the references set forth on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the cited foreign patent and non-patent literature references, as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), are enclosed. Copies of the cited U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications will not be submitted herewith in accordance with the waiver by the Office of the requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i) for U.S. national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003. Although the aforesaid references are made known to the Patent and Trademark Office in compliance with applicants' duty to disclose all information they are aware of which is believed relevant to the examination of the above-identified application, applicants believe that their invention is patentable.

I hereby certify that no item set forth on the attached form PTO-1449 was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and, to our knowledge, after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information set forth on the attached form PTO-1449 was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(2))

Please acknowledge receipt of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and kindly make the cited references of record in the above-identified application.

Respectfully submitted,

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PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICEATTY. DOCKET NO.  
501260.01APPLICATION NO.  
10/644,608**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT***(Use several sheets if necessary)*

APPLICANT(S)

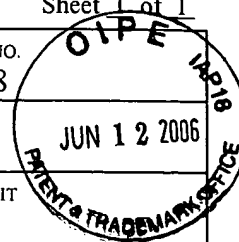
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FILING DATE

August 19, 2003

GROUP ART UNIT

2833

**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

| *EXAMINER<br>INITIAL |    | DOCUMENT NUMBER | DATE     | NAME             | CLASS | SUBCLASS | FILING DATE<br>IF APPROPRIATE |
|----------------------|----|-----------------|----------|------------------|-------|----------|-------------------------------|
|                      | AA | 2,989,784       | 06/27/61 | Aamodt           | 18    | 59       |                               |
|                      | AB | 3,390,369       | 06/25/68 | Zavertnik et al. | 339   | 14       |                               |
|                      | AC | 4,056,298       | 11/01/77 | Cooper et al.    | 339   | 90       |                               |
|                      | AD | 4,066,315       | 01/03/78 | Arneson          | 339   | 89       |                               |
|                      | AE | 4,074,927       | 02/21/78 | Ball             | 339   | 89       |                               |
|                      | AF | 4,183,605       | 01/15/80 | Arneson          | 339   | 89       |                               |
|                      | AG | 4,265,503       | 05/05/81 | Baur             | 339   | 45       |                               |
|                      | AH | 4,277,125       | 07/07/81 | Ball             | 339   | 113      |                               |
|                      | AI | RE 31,995       | 10/01/85 | Ball             | 339   | 113      |                               |
|                      | AJ | 5,295,866       | 03/22/94 | Kroger et al.    | 439   | 589      |                               |
|                      | AK | 5,425,171       | 06/20/95 | Kroger et al.    | 29    | 876      |                               |
|                      | AL | 6,334,785 B2    | 01/01/02 | Miwa             | 439   | 272      |                               |

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

|  |    | DOCUMENT NUMBER | DATE | COUNTRY | CLASS | SUBCLASS | TRANSLATION |    |
|--|----|-----------------|------|---------|-------|----------|-------------|----|
|  |    |                 |      |         |       |          | YES         | NO |
|  | AM |                 |      |         |       |          |             |    |
|  | AN |                 |      |         |       |          |             |    |

**OTHER PRIOR ART** *(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)*

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# FEE TRANSMITTAL SHEET (FY 2006)



Complete if Known

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| Filing Date         | August 19, 2003  |
| First Inventor      | Robert B. Koenig |
| Group Art Unit      | 2833             |
| Examiner Name       | Gary F. Paumen   |
| Atty. Docket Number | 501260.01        |

☐ Applicant claims small entity status (see 37 C.F.R. 1.01(b)).

## METHOD OF PAYMENT (Check One)

☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and 1.136(a)(3) and credit any over payments to Deposit Account No. **50-1266**; Deposit Account Name: **DORSEY & WHITNEY LLP**.

☐ Check Enclosed.

## Extra Claim Fees

| Current Claims            | Prior | Extra | Fee | Fee Paid |
|---------------------------|-------|-------|-----|----------|
| Total                     | 20    | x     | \$  | \$ 0     |
| Ind.                      | 3     | x     | \$  | \$ 0     |
| Multiple Dependent Claims |       | x     | \$  | \$       |
| Subtotal (Extra Claims)   |       |       |     | \$ 0     |

## Petition Fee Under 37 CFR 1.17(f), (g), &amp; (h)

Enclosed is a Petition filed under 37 CFR as indicated below:

☐ Petition Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(f) **Fee \$400**

§ 1.53(e) to accord a filing date.  
 § 1.57(a) to accord a filing date.  
 § 1.182 for decision on a question not provided for.  
 § 1.183 to suspend the rules.  
 § 1.378(e) for reconsideration of decision on petition refusing delayed payment of maintenance fee in expired patent.  
 § 1.174(b) to accord a filing date to an application under § 1.740 for extension of patent term.

☐ Petition Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(g) **Fee \$200**

§ 1.12 for access to an assignment record.  
 § 1.14 for access to an application.  
 § 1.47 for filing by other than all inventors or person not the inventor.  
 § 1.59 for expungement of information.  
 § 1.103(a) to suspend action in an application.  
 § 1.136(b) for review of a request for ext. of time when § 1.136(a) not avail.  
 § 1.295 for review of refusal to publish a statutory invention registration.  
 § 1.296 to withdraw a req. for pub. after notice of intent to publish issued.  
 § 1.377 for review of decision refusing to accept a maintenance fee filed prior to expiration of a patent.

§ 1.550(c) for request for ext. of time in *ex parte* reexam. proceedings.  
 § 1.956 for request for ext. of time in *ex parte* reexam. proceedings.  
 § 5.12 for expedited handling of foreign filing license.  
 § 5.15 for changing the scope of a license.  
 § 1.5.25 for retroactive license.

☐ Petition Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h) **Fee \$130**

§ 1.19(g) to request documents in a form other than provided in this part.  
 § 1.84 for accepting color drawings or photographs.  
 § 1.91 for entry of a model or exhibit.  
 § 1.102(d) to make an application special.  
 § 1.138(c) to expressly abandon an application to avoid publication.  
 § 1.313 to withdraw an application from issue.  
 § 1.314 to defer issuance of a patent.

## FEE CALCULATION (Continued)

## 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

| Large Entity Fee    | Small Entity Fee | Fee Description  | Fee paid |
|---------------------|------------------|--|----------|
| 50                  | 25               | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet                     | \$       |
| 130                 | 65               | Surcharge - Late nonprovisional filing fee or oath                         | \$       |
| 180                 | 180              | Submission of IDS  | \$       |
| 40                  | 40               | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | \$       |
| 120                 | 60               | Extension for reply within first month                                     | \$       |
| 450                 | 225              | Extension for reply within second month                                    | \$       |
| 1,020               | 510              | Extension for reply within third month                                     | \$       |
| 1,590               | 795              | Extension for reply within fourth month                                    | \$       |
| 2,160               | 1,080            | Extension for reply within fifth month                                     | \$       |
| 790                 | 395              | Submission After Final 1.129   | \$       |
| 500                 | 250              | Notice of Appeal   | \$       |
| 500                 | 250              | Filing a brief in support of an appeal                                     | \$       |
| 1,000               | 500              | Request for oral hearing   | \$       |
| 130                 | 65               | Terminal Disclaimer Fee  | \$       |
| 800                 | 400              | Design Issue Fee   | \$       |
| 790                 | 395              | Request for Continued Examination (RCE)                                    | \$       |
| 130                 |                  | Request for voluntary publication or republication                         | \$       |
| 500                 | 250              | Petition to Revive - unavoidable   | \$       |
| 1,500               | 750              | Petition to Revive - unintentional   | \$       |
| 200                 |                  | Filing for patent term adjustment  | \$       |
| 400                 |                  | Request for reinstatement of term reduced                                  | \$       |
| 1,120               |                  | Extension of term of patent  | \$       |
| OTHER FEE (specify) |                  |  | \$       |

Subtotal (Additional Fees)

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